



Wastewater Action Plan

Board of Selectmen and Town Administration Set Nantucket *Wastewater Action Plan* in Motion

The Board of Selectmen in coordination with the Town Administration has been working to develop a Wastewater Action Plan. Together with the consultant hired to undertake the next stage of planning work for Madaket, Woodard & Curran, the group has developed a plan to present a series of interactive workshops open to the public on current wastewater issues. The goal is to open the wastewater discussion up to all

beneficiary of an acceptable financing plan.

The Town completed its Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) in 2004. The recommended plan contained in the approved CWMP was based on information available at the time of the study. Since completion, several milestones have been reached, including the completion of the Massachusetts Estuary Program (MEP) Reports for Nantucket Harbor,

to re-evaluate and update pertinent sections of the CWMP.

The most significant factor contained in the MEP Reports is the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) which set the level of pollutants the receiving water resources can take from contributing pollutant sources without degrading the resource areas.

The MassDEP will enforce meeting the TMDLs in the following areas: Nantucket Harbor,



stakeholders and come up with a long-term plan that not only meets the needs of the Town, preserves and protects our water resources, but is approvable by federal and state regulatory agencies and is the

Madaket and Long Pond.

One goal of the Wastewater Action Plan is to review the MEP reports and utilize the data derived from these MEPs

Madaket Harbor, Hither Creek, and Long Pond under the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act

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Town Organized Workgroups Defined

Board of Selectmen / Town Administration—Sponsors of the six open public workshops scheduled once a month through November 2011.

Stakeholders—Interested parties at large or appointed by resident and/or non-resident constituencies.

Neighborhood Meetings—These meetings will be directed towards specific neighborhood associations. While targeting specific areas, these workshops are open to the public. Presentations will be made during summer 2011 at scheduled association meetings.

Summer 2011 Calendar of Events

EVOLUTION OF THE NANTUCKET WASTEWATER ACTION PLAN

The first workshop was a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on April 28, 2011 from 9-11 AM in the Community Room at the Nantucket Public Safety Facility. The purpose of the workshop was to brief the Board of Selectmen, the Administration, Department Heads and the general public on the content and recommendations contained in the Town's 2004 Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), the wastewater work completed to date by the Town and to ask questions and make recommendations on content and goals of the Wastewater Action Plan.

The current schedule of workshops contained in this first edition of the *Wastewater Action Plan* newsletter was developed as a result of that meeting. This newsletter is being designed to keep you abreast of the happenings and progress of the Wastewater Action Planning currently underway and afford a means to participate in the wastewater planning process.

Each meeting/workshop is designed to afford ample opportunity for public input, so mark your calendars and come prepared to participate!

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June Meeting Summary

June 13th - Stakeholders Group meeting was held in the Training Room at the PSF from 4-6 PM on the 2004 approved CWMP recommendations and future wastewater planning. This meeting was well attended by a diverse group of Town staff and island home and business owners with varied interests in wastewater planning. The meeting was mainly devoted to the Stakeholders asking questions and offering comments about the content of the Wastewater Action Plan. The goal of this meeting was to gain insight into what specific issues the Stakeholders are looking for the Board of Selectmen / Town Administration to address through the Town's Wastewater Action Plan.

Key ideas resulting from Stakeholder input include:

- What is the criteria/timing for Board of Health regulations on mandatory sewer connections?
- "What" and "Why" questions on wastewater-what are we addressing and why?
- What does the Massachusetts Estuaries Report modeling show? What needs to be done?
- What options are available other than sewerage?
- What is the current funding mechanism and how does the Town create funding equity?

1. June 13th—Stakeholder Meeting 4-6 PM Nantucket PSF Community Room



Summer 2011 Calendar of Events

On July 13th there will be a Board of Selectmen workshop on Madaket with a presentation and discussion on the CWMP recommendations and current contract tasks being undertaken in this Needs Area. A general overview of the MEP Report will be touched on, with the August 10th workshop dedicated to more specific MEP and MassDEP presentations on the processes and science utilized to prepare the final reports and TMDLs for not only Madaket, but Nantucket Harbor and Long Pond as well.

JULY 2011

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1. July 4th—Happy 4th!!
2. Week of July 11th—First edition of *Wastewater Action Plan* newsletter available
3. July 13th—Board of Selectmen workshop on Madaket planning 4-6 PM Nantucket PSF Training Room
4. Week of July 25th—Second edition of *Wastewater Action Plan* newsletter available

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS AND TOPICS

AUGUST

On August 10th the Board of Selectmen will sponsor a workshop on the 2004 approved CWMP recommendations. The methodology used to determine areas of need will be outlined. The workshop will feature presentations by MEP staff, MassDEP, the Board of Health and Marine and Coastal Resources Department.

1. August 10th—Board of Selectmen workshop on MEP 4-6 PM Nantucket PSF Training Room
2. Week of August 29th—third edition of *Wastewater Action Plan* newsletter available

SEPTEMBER

On September 14th the Board of Selectmen will sponsor a workshop on setting wastewater priorities and initiating a funding discussion.

October and November workshops are in the works! Stay tuned!

1. September 5th—Labor Day
2. September 14th—Board of Selectmen workshop 4-6 PM Nantucket PSF Community Room
3. Week of September 26th—fourth edition of *Wastewater Action Plan* newsletter available



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Board of Selectmen FY 2012 Goals and Objectives

Objective No. 2—Long-Term Wastewater Action Plan

GOALS:

1. *Develop and approve a five-year multi-phase wastewater implementation plan by 12/31/11*
2. *Conduct multiple wastewater workshops held by BOS on specific topics throughout the summer and fall of 2011*
3. *Seek funding at 2012 ATM for first phase of implementation plan*
4. *Continued implementation of the Stormwater Management Plan*

We're on the Web!

http://www.nantucket-ma.gov/Pages/NantucketMA_BOS/sewerinfo/

SUGGESTION/ QUESTION CORNER

Have a suggestion or a question for the

Wastewater Action Plan Newsletter?

Send to lgibson@nantucket-ma.gov

*Answers and or comments will appear in future volumes of
this newsletter and/or addressed at Board of Selectmen meetings.*



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